

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 7 has been amended in this application. New claims 11 – 27 have been added.

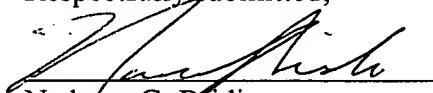
In the **Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495**, Applicant was instructed to pay an additional fee for multiple dependent claim in the amount of \$460 or cancel the claims for which additional fees are due. Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate any multiple dependency. Applicant therefore believes no multiple dependent fee is now due. Should any fees be in fact due for multiple dependent claims, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to deposit account no. 50-0326. An Authorization to Pay any necessary fees and copy thereof is appended hereto for accounting purposes. Additional claim fees and late filing fees for late filing of the declaration are also included.

New claims 11 – 27 have been added, which includes new independent claims 11, 18, and 25. Authorization to charge additional claim fees is appended hereto.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The method for promoting wound healing as recited in **[in any of the preceding claims]claim 1**, wherein said applying a vacuum step comprises the steps of:
- packing said wound site with a foam pad, said foam pad being in fluid communication with a vacuum source;
  - sealing said region, including said foam pad, with a wound drape; and
  - communicating said vacuum from said vacuum source through said foam pad to said region.